

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) A utensil or vessel for cooking food products, wherein the surface of said utensil or vessel that is in contact with the food products has a coating ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ consisting of an aluminum-based alloy containing more than 80% by weight of one or more quasicrystalline or approximant phases, having the composition  $Al_a(Fe_{1-x}X_x)_b(Cr_{1-y}Y_y)_cZ_zJ_j$  in which:
  - X represents one or more elements isoelectronic with Fe, chosen from Ru and Os;
  - Y represents one or more elements isoelectronic with Cr, chosen from Mo and W;
  - Z is an element selected from the group consisting of ~~or a mixture of elements chosen from~~ Ti, Zr, Hf, V, Nb, Ta, Mn, Re, Rh, Ni, and Pd and mixtures thereof;
  - J represents the inevitable impurities other than copper;
  - $a + b + c + z = 100$ ;
  - $5 \leq b \leq 15$ ;  $10 \leq c \leq 29$ ;  $0 \leq z \leq 10$ ;
  - $xb \leq 2$ ;
  - $yc \leq 2$ ; and
  - $j < 1$ ,said aluminum-based alloy being free of copper.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (New) The utensil or vessel for cooking food products according to claim 3, wherein the the quasicrystalline alloy has an atomic composition  $Al_aFe_bCr_cJ_j$ , in which:
  - $a + b + c + j = 100$ ;
  - $5 \leq b \leq 15$ ;  $10 \leq c \leq 29$ ; and
  - $j < 1$ .